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Oconomowoc Woman Sentenced For Tax Crime

Lynette R. Mercier, Oconomowoc, was sentenced in Waukesha County Circuit Court to six months in county jail with Huber privileges, stayed, after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to file a Wisconsin income tax return. Mercier received one year probation and was ordered to comply with all recommendations of the Department of Revenue, including filing all past tax returns and paying restitution to the state in the amount of \$2,697. As a condition of probation, Mercier must serve 10 days in jail.

According to the criminal complaint, Mercier failed to file a 2006 income tax return with income of \$53,012.

The charge was brought by the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Fraud Unit. In addition to the criminal penalties, Wisconsin law provides for substantial civil penalties on the civil tax liability. Assessment and collection of the tax, penalties, and interest due follows a conviction for criminal violations.